

der, a third time, passed, and was returned to the house of delegates.

Mr. Herbert, submitted the following report, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the table.

The joint committee on the part of the Senate, from the joint committee of inquiry upon the subject of the Chancery Records, required to be recorded by a resolution of the General Assembly, passed at December session 1825, No. 73 Report,

That the joint committee availing themselves of the powers with which they were vested for the purpose of fully prosecuting their inquiry, summoned before them, the following witnesses to wit: Messrs. Thomas Calbreth, Ramsey Waters, Louis Cassaway, Joseph Mayo, Henry Hobbs, Isaac Holland, William Glover, and Alexander B. Coe, whose depositions and the documents marked

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received from the Executive in compliance with an order of the house of delegates, at December session 1823, and the document marked 6, received in answer to the request of the joint committee to that effect, are now respectfully submitted to the consideration of the Senate. Your committee forbear making any remarks upon the testimony adduced, believing that the facts disclosed by it embrace all the subjects of inquiry within the sphere of the duties assigned to them, with the exception of the inquiry ordered by the General Assembly into the expediency of reducing the fees of the Register in Chancery, and clerks of the county Courts for recording judgments and decrees. The joint committee having agreed to the report of a bill for this purpose in the house of delegates, the said bill has accordingly been reported, and passed by that honorable body, and is now before the Senate for their concurrence.

Mr. Heath, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill entitled, an act regulating the charges of the Register in Chancery, the clerks of the county courts, and the clerks of the court of Appeals, for recording judgments and decrees.

Delivered the following report, which was read.

The committee to which was referred the bill entitled, an act regulating the charges of the Register in Chancery, the clerks of the county court and the clerks of the court of appeals, for recording judgments and decrees, have re-considered the same, and think it ought not to pass. The committee think the present charge for such services is not too high, or more than a fair compensation to the officers. It